

APPLICATION (Revised September 2011)  
TWENTY-FIRST CIRCUIT JUDICIAL COMMISSION  
CIRCUIT JUDGE

RESPONSE TO THESE QUESTIONS WILL BE MADE PUBLIC IF THE APPLICANT IS  
SELECTED AS A NOMINEE.



Mary Wehner Greaves

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

1. State your present principal occupation: Traffic Commissioner, Division 46, St.Louis County Circuit Court
2. Are you at least 30 years of age? Yes
3. (a) How long have you been a citizen of the United States? 48 years  
(b) Have you been a resident of St. Louis County for at least one year immediately prior to the date of this application? Yes  
(c) How long have you been a qualified voter of Missouri? 30 years

4. Are you licensed to practice law in Missouri? Yes

List any other states, courts, or agencies in which you are licensed as an attorney:

5. State the date you were admitted to the Bar in Missouri? October 4, 1991

Missouri Bar Number: 39385

(In completing items 6 and 7, please account for all time periods between post-high school education

and the date of this application.)

6. State the name and address of all colleges and universities you have attended, together with the dates and degrees received:

University Of Missouri, Columbia  
130 Jesse Hall  
Columbia, Missouri 65211  
BSBA Management, May 1988

St. Louis University School of Law  
3700 Lindell Boulevard, St. Louis, Missouri 63108  
Juris Doctorate, May 1991

7. State, in chronological order, your entire working career, including non-legal employment, if any. Include the name and address of each firm, corporation, partnership, or governmental body with which you have been associated, and the dates thereof. (Start with earliest date, conclude with present.) See Addendum 1 attached
8. If you are presently an associate circuit judge and have served for two years or longer, attach a list of ten significant cases over which you presided to completion. Set forth the style, cause number, date and name and current address of the primary attorneys participating in each case, identifying the party each attorney represented. Indicate whether bench or jury tried and give a one to three sentence description of each case and its outcome.

I have been on the bench in St. Louis County Circuit Court for just under eighteen years. As a Family Court Commissioner in Division 61, my caseload averaged nearly 500 cases at any given time. I heard juvenile law matters including child abuse and neglect, juvenile delinquency, guardianship of minors and termination of parental rights. In addition, I heard domestic relations matters including dissolutions, motions to modify, paternity and adult abuse. During my tenure as Family Court Commissioner, I presided over more than 400 trials. I currently serve as a Traffic Commissioner in Division 46. My docket consists of just over 800 trial de novo and petition for review cases arising from Missouri Department of Revenue license revocations. I hear trials weekly on DWI arrests involving breath testing, refusals to take a breath test, 10-year revocation reinstatement requests, point revocations, commercial driver's license revocations, fraud in application cases and Metrolink citation cases. During my tenure as Traffic Commissioner I have presided over more than 300 trials.

- (b) In addition, you may attach a list of cases you tried as an attorney in the last five years before becoming a judge. Set forth the style, cause number, date and jurisdiction and identify who you represented, whether you were first or second chair and the name and address of opposing counsel. State for each case whether bench or jury tried and give a one to three sentence description of each case and its outcome.

During the five years prior to my initial appointment to the bench, I served the St. Louis County Family Court first as a guardian ad litem while in private practice and then as a staff attorney for the Family Court. I tried hundreds of cases involving serious criminal charges against juveniles, abuse and neglect charges against parents, termination of parental rights cases as well as representing juvenile officers in detention hearings and certification hearings.

9. Are you able, with or without a reasonable accommodation, to perform the essential functions of a judge including the ability to preside over trials, perform legal research, attend court anywhere in the state, communicate clearly and effectively both orally and in writing, and expeditiously decide issues coming before the court? Yes
10. If you have never served as an associate circuit judge or have served for fewer than two years, attach a list of cases you have tried in the last five years. Set forth the style, cause number, date, and court, and identify who you represented, whether you were first or second chair, and the name and address of opposing counsel. Indicate for each case whether bench or jury tried and provide a one to three sentence description of each case and its outcome. If, during any of the last five years, you served as a commissioner or in any other judicial capacity, set forth the dates of same and a description of the duties performed. (see answer to question #8 above)
11. Have you briefed or argued any case before any appellate court? Yes  
If yes, attach a list showing the citation for each case and describe the extent of your participation in briefing and arguing the case.

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I briefed and argued this juvenile court case as a staff attorney for the St. Louis County Family Court. It was the only case of mine appealed and was upheld.

12. Set forth any additional information that demonstrates the quality of your legal work as an attorney.  
As an attorney in private practice as well as in my work for the Family Court I worked tirelessly to represent my clients.
13. Have you ever been convicted of a misdemeanor or felony? No  
If yes, provide details, including the style of the case, cause number, name of the jurisdiction, and date of conviction:
14. Have you ever been sued by a client or been a party to any other litigation, other than as guardian ad litem, plaintiff ad litem or defendant ad litem? Yes  
If yes, provide details, including the style of the case, cause number, name of the jurisdiction

and the approximate year in which such litigation was commenced and in which it was terminated: M.W.G. v. J.D.G., 14SL-DR02585, 21<sup>st</sup> Circuit, filed May 2014, pending, dissolution.

15. Have you ever been disciplined or cited for breach of ethics or professional conduct by a court or by any bar association or committee thereof? No  
If yes, provide details:
16. Have you ever been held in contempt of court? No  
If yes, provide details:
17. If you are or were a member of the Judiciary of the State of Missouri, please state:
  - (a) Whether an order of reprimand, removal, retirement, suspension or other disciplinary action has ever been entered against you by the Supreme Court of Missouri for breach of the Code of Judicial Conduct or the Canons of Judicial Conduct?  
If yes, state the nature of such breach, the date discipline was imposed and the exact nature and duration of the discipline imposed: No
  - (b) Whether a reprimand or admonishment has ever been entered against you by the Commission on Retirement, Removal and Discipline for any of the causes specified in Rule 12.07 of the Supreme Court Rules Governing the Judiciary. No  
  
If yes, provide details including date the order was entered, the date of your consent, and a description of the conduct you were ordered to cease and desist:
  - (c) Whether, to your knowledge, you have been a subject of a complaint and investigation by the Commission on Retirement, Removal and Discipline, which did not result in any action by the Commission? If yes, provide details: No
18. To your knowledge, have you been investigated by a court or by any bar association or committee thereof for breach of ethics or professional conduct? No  
If yes, provide details:
19. List all bar associations and other professional societies, of which you are a member, with any offices held and dates:  
  
Missouri Association of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges  
Women's Lawyers Association  
St. Louis County Bar Association  
Missouri Bar Association
20. Describe your community activities, including any organizations, not listed above, with which you are affiliated:  
  
Holy Redeemer Catholic Church  
Webster Groves Swim and Dive team, President/Treasurer

Parent volunteer at St. Joseph's Academy, St. Louis University High,  
Webster Groves public schools  
Served on the City of Webster Groves Arts Commission  
Served on the Webster Groves School District Task Force for Proposition V Capital  
Improvements  
Girl Scout Leader, Bristol School

21. Do you now hold or have you ever held any elective or appointive public office or position?  
If yes, provide details:

Appointed by the Court en banc of the 21<sup>st</sup> Judicial Circuit as follows:  
Traffic Commissioner, 1996  
Family Court Commissioner, 1999  
Traffic Commissioner, 2006

22. Provide the branches and dates of (a) military service, or (b) other public service, not otherwise covered in this application. If discharged from the military, was the discharge other than honorable? If military service continues, so state: N/A
23. List any professional articles or books which have been published or any special recognition or award of a professional nature which you have received: N/A
24. Furnish the names and addresses, including zip codes and telephone numbers of not more than five persons, who are not judges, as references with respect to your judicial qualifications:  
See Addendum 2 attached

25. State any additional data you deem relevant:

I have worked in the St. Louis County Circuit Court system for the past twenty-three years both as an attorney and as a judicial officer. I have represented private clients, as well as the court, in both civil and criminal matters. As a Commissioner in the 21<sup>st</sup> circuit I have handled some of the most serious dockets in our circuit. I have interfaced with prosecuting attorneys, law enforcement, probation officers, deputy juvenile officers, social service workers, treatment providers, members of the private bar, legislators, courthouse staff, judges, pro se litigants and lay witnesses. I have been called upon in the past to help create and implement a Sexual Offender Task Force within our juvenile court. As a leader of that team I met with and worked collaboratively with law enforcement agencies, juvenile officers and treatment providers to establish guidelines and consistency in the handling of such matters. I was also the designated judicial officer for such dockets during my tenure as Family Court Commissioner. I have been an active member of our judiciary in the community. I routinely speak to school and church groups about the judicial system and legal system in general. I have hosted school groups at the St. Louis County Courthouse on field trips. I am active in the St. Louis County Bar Association and Missouri Association of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges. I have been appointed three times by the Court en banc of the 21<sup>st</sup> Judicial Circuit as a Commissioner. I have proudly served the citizens of St. Louis County for nearly

18 years as a member of the state judiciary. As a judicial officer, I treat those who appear before me with dignity and respect and I maintain a courtroom environment that reflects the importance of the work being done. I promptly enter orders consistent with the laws of our State and take very seriously my role as a judge. My experience on the bench handling a variety of cases makes me uniquely qualified for the position of Circuit Judge.

Authorization

By my signature to this application, I authorize: (1) the Commission by its chairperson to obtain relevant information, including but not limited to documents, records and files with respect to my medical, police or disciplinary records, and (2) the Commission and its members to obtain additional relevant information regarding my qualifications as well as the accuracy of my responses to the questions on this application, with the understanding that the information described in (1) and (2) above is available only to the members of the Twenty-First Circuit Judicial Commission. Notwithstanding the above, in accordance with Supreme Court Rule 10, as amended effective February 29, 2008, if I am one of the three nominees listed on the certificate of nomination sent to the Governor, I authorize the Commission to send a complete copy of this application to the Governor and publicly release a copy of the application with personal and confidential information redacted as identified on the cover page of this application.

I hereby certify that all my statements as made above are correct and that if I am appointed to the office of Circuit Judge of the Circuit Court of St. Louis County, I will accept the appointment, qualify, and promptly enter upon the performance of the duties of that office.

Applicant Signature: Mary W. Greaves

Printed name: Mary W. Greaves

Date: 8-27-14

Addendum 1

Circuit Judge Application of Mary Greaves

1981-1986: Crew Member, McDonald's Corporation,  
12120 Manchester Road, Des Peres, MO 63131

1985-1987: University of Missouri, Columbia  
130 Jesse Hall, Columbia, MO 65211  
Tutor: Assisted vision impaired students with note-taking and test  
preparation  
Tutor: Assisted students enrolled in statistics classes  
Usher: Hearn Center  
Project Manager: Public Works Department

1987-1988: Michael's Deli, Conley Avenue, Columbia, Missouri 65201  
Part Time employee during school year

1986-1989: United Postal Savings and Loan, Warson Woods, MO  
Bank Teller: Full time during summers and holidays, part time through  
first year of Law School.

1989 (Summer): Mohme and Dieckman, Attorneys at Law, Clayton, MO  
Part time Law Clerk after first year of Law School.

1989-1991: Dunlop & Lang, 7905 Forsyth, Clayton, MO 63105  
Law Clerk

1990: Eddie Bauer, 8 West County Center, Des Peres, MO 63131  
Part Time Seasonal Employee

1991-1994: Dunlop and Lang, Mary W, Greaves Private Legal Practice, 7905  
Forsyth, Clayton MO 63105

1994-1996: St. Louis County Family Court, 501 S. Brentwood Blvd, Clayton,  
MO 63105  
Staff Attorney, Legal Department

1996-1999: Traffic Court Commissioner, Division 47 St. Louis County Circuit  
Court, 7900 Carondelet, Clayton, MO 63105

1999-2004: Family Court Commissioner, Division 61 State of Missouri, St. Louis  
County Family Court, 501 S. Brentwood Blvd, Clayton, MO 63105  
Family Court

2005-2006: Kirkwood Baptist Church, 211 N Woodlawn Ave., Kirkwood, MO  
63122

Pre-School Teacher

2006-Present: Traffic Commissioner, Division 46, State of Missouri, St. Louis  
County Circuit Court,

2012 -present: Greaves Law, Private Legal Practice, 527 Ashbury Court, 63119



## Addendum 2

### References for Mary W. Greaves

Joan M. Lockwood, Attorney at Law  
Gray, Ritter and Graham, P.C.  
701 Market Street, Suite 800  
St. Louis, Missouri, 63101  
(314) 241-5620

Timothy F. Devereaux, Attorney at Law  
130 South Bemiston, Suite 303  
Clayton, Missouri 63105  
(314) 726-6500

John F. Newsham, Attorney at Law  
9939 Gravois Road  
St. Louis, Missouri 63123  
(314) 631-0200

Jim Buckles  
Sheriff, St. Louis County Missouri  
7900 Carondelet  
Clayton, Missouri 63105  
(314) 615-4724

Travis L. Noble, Attorney at Law  
Sindel, Sindel and Noble  
800 Maryland Avenue, Suite 350  
Clayton, Missouri 63105  
(314) 450-8249

## Mary W. Greaves

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Mary W. Greaves has served the citizens of St. Louis County as a Commissioner for the 21<sup>st</sup> Judicial Circuit for eighteen years. Prior to her first appointment to the bench she was an attorney for the St. Louis County Family Court, following several years of service as a Guardian Ad Litem for the St. Louis County Juvenile Court. She was engaged in private law practice for five years after graduating from law school.

Mary Greaves received her undergraduate degree from the University of Missouri, Columbia in 1988 and her Juris Doctorate from Saint Louis University School of Law in 1991.

Mary has been an active volunteer in her community throughout her career. She was born and raised in Kirkwood, Missouri and currently lives in Webster Groves, Missouri.

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### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

#### JUDICIAL

•ST. LOUIS COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT—COMMISSIONER, DIVISIONS 47,61 AND 46,  
Clayton, Missouri, August 1996- present

As a Family Court Commissioner I was responsible for hearing a court docket made up of approximately 500 cases involving child abuse and neglect, termination of parental rights, delinquency, guardianship and domestic relations. I served on a variety of policy-making committees, taught continuing legal education classes at the State of Missouri Judicial College for two years and was the designated judicial officer for handling of all sex crime cases.

As a Traffic Commissioner I handle a large docket comprised of Trials de Novo, Petitions for Review and license revocation cases arising from DWI arrests. In addition I hear Metro link violation dockets as well as Petitions for reinstatement of driving privileges after five and ten year denials.

#### LEGAL PRACTICE

- GREAVES LAW FIRM

Webster Groves, Missouri, December 2013- present

Provide legal representation to individuals who are the subject of guardianship matters in the St. Louis City Probate Court. Assist other firms on a contract basis with various business litigation cases, election law matters, estate planning and legal research and writing.

- ST. LOUIS COUNTY FAMILY COURT—JUVENILE DIVISION  
Clayton, Missouri, June 1994—August 1996

Staff Attorney, Prosecuting Attorney in delinquency matters, represented Juvenile Officers in abuse, neglect and termination of parental rights matters.

- DUNLOP AND LANG, ATTORNEYS AT LAW  
Clayton, Missouri, August 1989—January 1994

Law Clerk, August 1989—October 1991

Licensed Attorney, as of October 1991

Represented clients in domestic relations matters and adoption proceedings in both St. Louis County and St. Louis City Circuit Courts. Handled contract and collection lawsuits, estate planning and probate, real estate condemnation suits, personal injury matters and landlord/tenant disputes. Served as a court-appointed Guardian Ad Litem for the St. Louis County Juvenile Court representing children in the adjudication of abuse, neglect and adoption proceedings. Served as court appointed counsel for parents in contested abuse, neglect, adoption, guardianship and termination of parental rights matters.

- JUVENILE DIVISION OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ST. CLAIR COUNTY, HONORABLE SHEILA O'BRIEN  
Belleville, Illinois, May 1990—August 1990

Served as a volunteer Guardian Ad Litem as a certified third year law student in the State of Illinois.

## EDUCATION

- SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, St. Louis, Missouri, May 1991.  
Juris Doctorate, Admitted to Missouri Bar in October 1991
- UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI-COLUMBIA, Graduated May 1988  
Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, Major in Administrative Management/Emphasis in Finance

## COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

Holy Redeemer Parish

Parent Volunteer at St. Louis University High School and Webster Groves Public Schools

Webster Groves Swim and Dive Team President 2007, Treasurer 2007-2010

Webster Groves School District Task Force for Proposition V Capital Improvements 2005-2006

PTO Vice President, Bristol School, 2005-2007 and Steger 2010-2011 school year

Girl Scout Leader, Bristol School, 1999-2002

## MEMBERSHIPS

Missouri Association of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges

Missouri Bar Association

St. Louis County Bar Association

Women's Lawyers Association